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AREA AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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As indicated in the Annex to the Search Report, the listed U.S. Patent Publication 2003093982 is a family member of the cited EP document No. 1293241. JP 05118211 has already been cited and considered in this application. JP 56129042 is the Japanese counterpart to already cited and considered GB Patent publication 2071640 as indicated in the Annex to the Search Report. The document supplied by the French Patent Office, an Abstract of JP '042, is attached. JP 07243641 and its U.S. counterpart 5,514,446 as indicated in the Annex to the Search Report have both already been cited and considered in this application and, therefore, no additional copies are provided.

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